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62-49308 3/1987 Japan**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**[73] **Assignee:** **Instruments S.A., Inc.**, Edison, N.J.[21] **Appl. No.:** **08/884,417**[22] **Filed:** **Jun. 27, 1997****Related U.S. Application Data**[60] **Provisional application No** 60/039,207, Feb 28, 1997[51] **Int. Cl.⁶** **G01J 3/28**[52] **U.S. Cl.** **356/326**[58] **Field of Search** 356/326, 328,
356/330-334; 385/37J. Thomas Brownrigg, "Design and performance of a miniature dual-beam diode-array spectrometer," *Spectroscopy*, vol. 10, Iss. 9 (Nov.-Dec., 1995), pp. 39-44.L. Mertz, Concentric Spectrographs, "*Applied Optics*," vol. 16, No. 12 (Dec. 1977), pp. 3122-3124.**Primary Examiner**—K. P. Hantis**Attorney, Agent, or Firm**—Fish & Neave; Jeffrey H. Ingberman; Brett G. Alten[57] **ABSTRACT**

A modified concentric spectrograph for diffracting light with high stray light rejection without astigmatism is provided. The modified spectrograph includes a grating, a lens, and at least one entrance port and one exit port. The grating has a concave surface and a meridian plane with a first side and a second side. The lens has a substantially planar surface and a convex surface. Preferably, the convex and concave surfaces are substantially concentric. The ports are substantially located on different sides of the meridian plane near a focal plane of the spectrograph. The position of a focal plane may be modified using an optically transmissive triangular prism with a reflective surface, and an optically transmissive block. The position of a focal plane may further be modified with one or more optically transmissive plates. Methods for using the spectrograph are also provided.

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